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SUBJECT: DEUTSCH CASE: GOA POSITION

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1. WHILE EMBOFFS HAVE BEEN IMPRESSING
ON GOA OFFICIALS THE INTENSITY OF US
INTEREST IN DEUTSCH CASE, WE HAVE ALSO
SOUGHT THEIR JUSTIFICATION FOR DETENTION
OF FAMILY MEMBERS. WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED
ESSENTIALLY IDENTICAL RESPONSES FROM
SENIOR OFFICERS OF TWO DIFFERENT ELEMENTS
OF GOVERNMENT. WE BELIEVE THESE RESPONSES
WERE BASED ON SEPARATE REPORTS SENT TO
BUENOS AIRES BY III CORPS IN CORDOBA. WE
BELIEVE THAT THE BUENOS AIRES AUTHORITIES
ACCEPT THE CORDOBA REPORTS AT FACE VALUE.

2. EXPLANATION OF DEUTSCH DETENTIONS IS
THAT CORDOBA AUTHORITIES DEVELOPED INFORMATION
IN AUGUST THAT DANIEL DEUTSCH WAS MEMBER OF CENTRAL
COMMITTEE OF PARTIDO COMUNISTA REVOLUCIONARIO (PCR).
INVESTIGATION LED TO DECISION TO DETAIN DANIEL DEUTSCH.
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ARREST PARTY MISSED DANIEL BUT TOOK IN PARENTS AND SISTERS
LILIANA INES, ELSA ELISABETH AND SUSANA SILVIA. THESE
PERSONS HAVE RELATED DIFFERING VERSIONS OF WHY DANIEL WAS ABSENT,
AND SERVANT AT DANIEL'S HOME STATED DEUTSCH PARENTS HAD
WARNED DANIEL TO FLEE IN FACE OF IMMINENT ARREST.
INTERROGATION ALSO REVEALED THAT LILIANA IS MEMBER OF PCR.
SEARCH OF DANIEL'S HOUSE REVEALED FALSE IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

AND PCR PARTY MATERIAL.

3. CORDOBA AUTHORITIES ARE REPRESENTED AS BEING ANGERED AT ALEJANDRO DEUTSCH'S AND FAMILY'S "GUILTY" KNOWLEDGE OF DANIEL'S MEMBERSHIP IN A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AND THEIR OVERT ACTIONS IN AIDING HIS ESCAPE.

4. EMBASSY FILES HAVE NO RECORD OF DANIEL OR LILIANA DEUTSCH IN CONNECTION WITH PCR. PARTY ITSELF IS RADICAL MAOIST OFFSHOOT OF PARTIDO COMUNISTA ARGENTINA. EMBASSY HAS NO CURRENT INFO ON PCR.

5. ANTONIO GRANERO, SUSANNA DEUTSCH'S FIANCE, TOLD EMBASSY IN MID-SEPTEMBER THAT DANIEL DEUTSCH HAD BEEN CALLED BY HIS FATHER FOR HELP AS HE WAS BEING "ATTACKED*" WHEN DANIEL DEUTSCH AND HIS WIFE NEARED HIS FATHER'S HOME, HE FOUND IT OCCUPIED BY ARMED CIVILIANS. UPON RETURNING TO HIS OWN HOME, HE ENCOUNTERED VEHICLES AND MORE ARMED MEN AND DECIDED TO FLEE.

6. COL. JOSE VERMAL, CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE IN CORDOBA TOLD EMBOFF ON SEPTEMBER 28 THAT THE MOTHER AND FATHER IN THE DEUTSCH CASE ARE TO BE RELEASED SHORTLY AS THEIR ONLY INVOLVEMENT WAS IN COVERING UP FOR THE OTHERS. COL. VERMAL STATED THAT THE BOY HAS ESCAPED AND HIS WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. HE ADDED FURTHER THAT THE THREE DAUGHTERS ARE DEFINITELY INVOLVED WITH THE PARTIDO CONFIDENTIAL

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COMUNISTA REVOLUCIONARIO (PCR), NOT THE LEGITIMATE COMMUNIST PARTY (PCA). THE COLONEL MENTIONED THAT MEMBERS OF THE PCA CALLED ON HIM AND DISOWNED ANY INVOLVEMENT OF THE DEUTSCH FAMILY IN PCA ACTIVITIES. COL. VERMAL INDICATED THAT ONE OF THE DAUGHTERS IS MORE INVOLVED THAN THE OTHER TWO AND IS A MEMBER OF THE PCR. HE STATED THAT THE EVIDENCE IS DEFINITIVE IN THIS CASE.

7. EMBASSY HAS NO BASIS ON WHICH TO EVALUATE GOA ALLEGATIONS AGAINST VARIOUS DEUTSCH FAMILY MEMBERS. WHAT APPEARS SIGNIFICANT IN OFFICIAL REPORT IS THAT FOR THOSE IN GOA, THERE IS "HARD INFORMATION" THAT DEUTSCH FAMILY KNOWINGLY AIDED A SUSPECTED SUBVERSIVE, A SERIOUS MATTER HERE.
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